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SUBJECT: (LOU) CONDOLENCES EXPRESSED BY SOVIET
AMBASSADOR

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1. (LOU - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TCHERNIAKOV CAME BY YESTERDAY EVENING TO EXPRESS HIS CONDOLENCES ON THE OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC KILLING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS. TCHERNIAKOV SAID HE HAD KNOWN DUBS WELL, BOTH DURING THE LATTER'S SERVICE AS DIRECTOR OF SOVIET AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT AND LATER AS CHARGE AT OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. TCHERNIAKOV SAID THAT HE HAD HAD THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR DUBS AND HAD FOUND HIM TO BE A VERY SENSITIVE, PERCEPTIVE AND COOPERATIVE INDIVIDUAL. HE CONSIDERED HIM AN OUTSTANDING PERSON AND A VALUED DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE. HE WANTED ME AND THE DEPARTMENT TO KNOW HOW SAD HE FELT AND WISHED THAT HIS CONDOLENCES BE EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR DUBS' FAMILY.

3. COMMENT: AS THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY MOSCOW KNOW, TCHERNIAKOV IS A RELATIVELY SOPHISTICATED SOVIET DIPLOMAT, HAVING SERVED FOR MANY YEARS AS SOVIET MINISTER-COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON UNDER AMBASSADOR
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